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The appeal brief filed 12/10/07 is defective with the reasons as set forth in the attached paper.

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1. This application is not considered ripe for appeal for the reasons set forth below:
2. The amendment to the specification received by the Office on 09/20/1999 and directed to the insertion of SEQ ID NOs was not entered because the amendments to Tables 1-III were unclear. Accordingly the application is not in compliance with the sequence rules because the nucleic acid sequences listed in Tables I, II and III do not have sequence identification number. Applicants are directed to delete Tables I, II and III and provide a substitute tables with proper reference to sequence identifiers.
3. The brief does not adequately comply with 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v) as it does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters; and/or does not identify the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function for every means plus function and step plus function for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately by reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters, as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v).

The appeal brief filed 12/10/07 does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter of the sole independent claim 20. Claim 20 is directed to a method of monitoring nucleic acid amplification. At page 5 of the Brief support for claim 20 is stated as found at in the specification at page 2, lines 1-19. This citation is directed to a brief summary of the invention and is not considered to adequately map all the features of the claim.

Thus based upon the reasons set forth above, the appeal brief is defective.

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4. Appellant is required to comply with provisions of 37 CFR 41.37(c). To avoid dismissal of the appeal, Appellant must comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 41.37(c) within ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing of this communication. Extensions of time may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

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